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LIST OF CONFERENCES OF CHARITIES AND

NAME OF ORGANIZATION	Meeting	DATE
1. The National Conference of Charities and Correction.....	26th	May, 1898
2. Canadian Conference of Charities and Correction.....	1st a
3. Colorado State Conference of Charities and Corrections.....	5th	Jan. 4, 1899.....
4. Delaware State Conference of Charities and Institutions.....	 a
5. Illinois State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	3rd	Nov., 1898.....
6. Indiana State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	7th	Nov., 1898.....
7. Iowa State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	2nd	Mar., 1899.....
8. Maryland Conference of Charities and Correction.....	2nd	Nov., 1898.....
9. Michigan Conference of County Agents and Convention of the Board of Corrections and Charities.....	17th	Dec. 7-8, 1898.....
10. Michigan Superintendents of the Poor and Union Association.....	25th	Sept., 1898.....
11. Minnesota State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	6th	Nov., 1898.....
12. Missouri State Convention of Charities and Correction.....	2nd a
13. Nebraska State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	2nd	Sept. 15, 1898..... c
14. New York Convention of County Superintendents of the Poor.....	29th	June, 14-16, 1898.....
15. Ohio State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	8th	Oct., 1898.....
16. Pennsylvania Association of Directors of the Poor and Charities.....	24th	Oct., 1898.....
17. Southern Conference of Charities and Correction.....	1st a
18. Trans-Mississippi Conference of Charities and Correction.....	1st	Sept. 15-20, 1898.....
19. Wisconsin State Conference of Charities and Correction.....	10th 1898 a

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1. American Humane Association.....	23rd	Nov., 1898..... a
2. American Medico-Psychological Association.....		1899.....
3. American Social Science Association.....		Aug. 20-Sep. 2, 98.....
4. Association of Assistant Physicians of Hospitals for Insane.....	7th	Sept. 20-29, 1898.....
5. Association of Medical Officers of American Institutions for Idiotic and Feeble-Minded.....	23rd	May '99.....
6. Association of Superintendents of Training Schools for Nurses.....	5th	Feb., 1899.....
7. Boys and Girls National Home and Employment Association.....	9th	Fall of 1898.....
8. Illinois Association of Supervisors, Co. Com'rs and Co. Clerks.....		Jan. 17-19, 1899.....
9. Indiana Association of Township Trustees.....		Dec. 28-29, 1898.....
10. Mohonk Indian Conference.....	16th	Oct., 12, 1898.....
11. National Conference of Day Nurseries.....	4th	1900.....
12. National Prison Association.....	23rd	Oct., 1898.....
13. Prison Chaplains' Association.....		Oct., 1898.....
14. Prison Wardens' Association.....		Oct., 1898.....

a. Time not fixed.

b. Place not yet fixed.

c. In connection with the Trans-Mississippi Conference.

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PLACE OF MEETING.	PRESIDENT.	SECRETARY.
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Wilmington.....		Mrs. E. P. Warner, Wilmington.....
Kankakee.....	Rev. Jenkin Lloyd Jones, Chicago.....	Mrs. J. W. Patton, Springfield.....
Indianapolis.....	Miss Mary T. Wilson, Evansville.....	C. S. Grout, Indianapolis.....
Burlington.....	W. W. Baldwin, Burlington.....	Miss Charlotta Goff, Des Moines.....
		Clarence E. Forrest, 10 Hopkins Pl., Bnl...
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Flint.....	G. W. Teeple, Livingston County.....	H. A. Chapin, Van Buren County.....
Stillwater.....	Supt. Galen A. Merrill, Owatonna.....	H. M. Palm, Worthington.....
St. Louis.....	W. H. Moore, St. Louis.....	D. C. Rouse, St. Louis.....
Omaha.....	Gov. Silas A. Holcomb.....	Rev. A. W. Clark, Omaha.....
Niagara Falls.....	C. V. Lodge, Rochester, N. Y.....	James W. Ives, Java Village.....
Mansfield.....	Hon. M. D. Follett, Marietta.....	Joseph P. Byers, Columbus.....
Harriaburg.....	John F. Scragg, Scranton.....	W. P. Husker, Allegheny.....
Nashville.....	Dr. A. L. Phillips, Tuscaloosa, Ala.....	J. P. Hebard, 482 Range Bldg, Omaha
Omaha.....	Charles R. Henderson, D. D., Chicago.	Lynn S. Pease, Milwaukee.....
Madison.....	Hon. W. P. Lyon, Madison.....	

ORGANIZATIONS.

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	Henry M. Hurd, M. D., Baltimore, Md	C. B. Burr, M. D., Flint, Mich.....
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		Irwin H. Neff, Pontiac, Mich....
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Indianapolis.....	A. Hogeland, Lincoln, Neb.....	Rev. J. H. Bradford, Wash. D. C.....
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Lake Mohonk, N. Y	Merrill E. Gates, LL. D., Amherst.....	Mrs. Isabel C. Barrows, Boston.....
	Mrs. Arthur M. Dodge.....	Miss Caroline Stewart, New York,.....
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Indianapolis.....	Rev. Wm. J. Batt, Concord Jct., Mass	Rev. Rab, Nashville, Tenn.....
Indianapolis.....	Henry Wolfer, Stillwater, Minn.	T. B. Patton, Huntington, Pa.....

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TO DELINQUENT MEMBERS.

Many of our members have not yet paid the membership fee of \$2.50. Such are requested to forward the membership fee immediately in order that their names may be printed in the list of members in the New York volume. All members of the Conference will be continued on the roll and the BULLETIN will be continued to be sent to them unless instructions are received to the contrary. The volume of Proceedings, however, will be sent only to those who have paid the membership fee.

The Proceedings of the New York Conference will be of extraordinary value.

Already 1,275 members have paid the membership fee for 1898, in addition to sixty-seven members whose membership fees are paid by the State Boards of Charities, making a total of 1,349 members. This is the largest number ever enrolled. The membership for the years named was as follows: 1897, 1,059; 1896, 1,199; 1895, 992; 1894, 350; 1893, 330. This four-fold increase in the membership since 1893 is most encouraging, especially in view of the financial depression which has appreciably affected the enrollment.

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI CONFERENCE.

The Trans-Mississippi Conference of Charities and Correction will be held at Omaha, Nebraska, September 15 to 20, 1898. The officers of the Conference are as follows: President, Chas. R. Henderson, D. D., Chicago (President National Conference of Charities and Correction); Vice-Presidents, C. W. Lyman, banker, Omaha, and one from each Trans-Mississippi State; Chairman Executive Committee, Thos. L. Kimball, Omaha; General Secretary, ex-officio, H. H. Hart, Chicago; Treasurer, E. C. Brownlee, Omaha; General Secretary of Conference, J. P. Hebard, 432 Ramage Building, Omaha, to whom all communications should be addressed; Assistant Secretaries, Rev. A. W. Clark, John Laughland.

The great success which attended the holding of conventions and congresses of various kinds at Chicago during the World's Fair, suggested the idea of holding a Trans-Mississippi Conference of Charities and Correction at Omaha in September next.

At the twenty-fifth annual meeting of the National Conference in New York City in May, 1898, the following resolution was adopted:

"Whereas, A Conference of Charities and Corrections is to be held during the Exposition of the Trans-Mississippi states, in Omaha, in September, 1898, for which the co-operation of the National Conference has been invited, we recommend the members of our Conference to attend the Trans-Mississippi Conference so far as possible, and the President, General Secretary and Executive Committee of the National Conference of Charities and Correction are hereby authorized to make arrangements for the co-operation desired."

The holding of such a Conference appeared especially desirable, for the reason that the National Conference of Charities and Correction has not met in the Trans-Mississippi district for many years. The Conference of 1883 met in Louisville; that of 1884 in St. Louis; that of 1886 in St. Paul; that of 1887 in Omaha, and that of 1892 in Denver, since which time no Conference has been held farther west than Grand Rapids. The west central states are developing rapidly along the lines of charities and correction. Since 1892 Missouri has established a State Board of Charities and Correction, and Iowa has established a State Board of Control. In other states important changes in these departments are being agitated. It is believed therefore that the Conference may be made the means of great good in these commonwealths, and that the attendance upon the Conference will be in the line of missionary work.

WHO ARE INVITED.

Invitations to the Conference are not only extended to the 1,500 members of the National Conference of Charities and Correction in all parts of the country, but to all in the Trans-Mississippi states who are especially interested in the subject of charities and correction, including charity organization societies, associated charities, representatives of prisons, insane hospitals, soldiers' homes, schools for the deaf and blind, orphan asylums, hospitals for the sick, almshouses and other charitable institutions; also to trustees and officers of prisons, jails, reform schools and the members and officers of charitable societies of all kinds, especially representatives of children's aid societies, humane societies and other prevention agencies.

INFORMATION.

For information with reference to arrangements for the Conference, hotel rates, etc., address the General Secretary, Mr. J. P. Hebard, 432 Ramey building, Omaha.

OBJECTS OF THE CONFERENCE.

The object of the Conference will be to bring together at Omaha, September 15-20, 1898, the charitable and philanthropic workers of the Trans-Mississippi district and of the whole country to discuss the practical problems of charity and correction, to disseminate wider information and to arouse more enthusiasm in these great lines of work.

HOTEL ACCOMODATIONS.

Omaha is well provided with hotels and boarding houses. Furnished rooms and hotel accommodations at reasonable rates can be secured by corresponding with the committee on hotel accommodations, A. W. Clark, chairman, 432 Ramage building, Omaha.

RAILWAY TRANSPORTATION.

The transportation department of the Exposition has arranged with the railroad companies for special low rates.

The Exposition will furnish magnificent entertainment to all the delegates and the entire afternoon each day will be given up to visiting the same.

The Executive Committee has secured the co-operation of leading specialists to open the discussion of the various topics. The papers will be brief and few in number in order to give opportunity for full and free discussion.

The following is an

OUTLINE OF THE PROGRAM.

Thursday Evening.

Address of welcome by Governor Holcomb, President of the Nebraska State Conference of Charities and Correction.

Response by—

Address on "Duty of the State to Its Dependent and Delinquent Wards."

Friday, 9 to 12 a. m.

Municipal and County Charities.

Evening, 8 p. m.

State Board of Charities.

State Board of Control.

Advisory Boards of Charities.

Saturday, 9 to 12 a. m.

The Prison Question.

Reformation for Young Men and Women.

Reformatory Methods in State Prisons.

No meeting Saturday evening.

Sunday Morning.

City Pulpits filled by Delegates.

Sunday Evening, 8 p. m.

The Child Saving Problem.

Dependent Children in Institutions.

The System of Placing Children in Homes.

Monday, 9 to 12 a. m.

Delinquent Children.

Evening, 8 p. m.

Charity Organization.

The Charity Organization Idea.

The Application of the Charity Organization Idea to Cities of 5,000 to 20,000 Inhabitants.

Tuesday, 9 to 12 a. m.

9 to 9:45, Treatment of the Deaf and Dumb; 9:45 to 10:30, Care of the Blind; 10:50 to 11:15, Care and Treatment of the Feeble Minded; 11:15 to 12, Soldiers' Homes, Miscellaneous Topics and General Discussion.

Tuesday Evening, 8 p. m.

Problems of Infants; Care and Treatment of the Insane.

HEADQUARTERS.

Delegates and visitors upon arrival at Omaha will please go at once to the Commercial Club Rooms, Farnam and Sixteenth Streets, to meet the reception committee, to register and to get all needed information.

COMMITTEES.

COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL CHARITIES:

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CARE OF DESTITUTE AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN:

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STATE BOARDS OF CHARITIES:

Dr. W. F. Slocum, Colorado Springs, Colo. (Others to be added.)

AMERICAN SOCIAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATION.

GENERAL MEETING OF 1898.

Beginning Monday Evening, August Twenty-Ninth.

The General Meeting of the Association for 1898 will take place at Saratoga Springs, N. Y., and the sessions will be held in the Old Court of Appeals Room, Town Hall, which is situated on Broadway, within five minutes walk of the United States Hotel, the Headquarters of the Association.

Members and guests of the Association will be received at the United States Hotel at the reduced rate of three dollars per day.

Members are requested to record their arrival on the Registry Book of the Association which may be found at the entrance to the Court of Appeals Room.

Monday evening will be devoted to the Annual Address of the President, Hon. Simeon E. Baldwin, of New Haven, who will speak on "The History of American Morals." At the conclusion of President Baldwin's address the Annual Report of the General Secretary, Rev. Frederick Stanley Root, will be read.

For copies of the program address Frederick Stanley Root, General Secretary, 84 Irving Place, New York.

THE CINCINNATI CONFERENCE.

The twenty-sixth Conference of Charities and Correction will be held in Cincinnati in May, 1899. Cincinnati is famous for its charitable and philanthropic work and her representatives in the Conference are on the alert for every opportunity for the improvement of their work. The members of the Cincinnati delegation corresponded in advance with the members of the Conference in order to insure their support, and when the committee on time and place met they carried everything before them.

The President of the Conference is Prof. Chas. R. Henderson, D.D., of Chicago University, who has for several years been one of its most active and efficient members. Dr. Henderson already has the preparations for the twenty-sixth Conference well in hand, and it is anticipated that it will not fall behind its predecessors in interest or in efficient work. It is expected that at this Conference the discussions of the work for children, both dependent and delinquent, will be of the highest interest. The state of Ohio has both of these departments highly organized.

The question of Inter-State Migration, which aroused so much interest at New York, will be again vigorously discussed at Cincinnati, and it is expected that the committee will bring in some definite propositions for national legislation to check the evils connected with inter-state migration.

It is expected that the subject of charitable and correctional work among the colored people will be discussed, and that special papers will be read on that subject.

In anticipation of the conference the Women's Club of Cincinnati will make a special study of Child-Saving Work during the coming winter.

Mr. C. M. Hubbard, Secretary of the Local Executive Committee, writes: "There was great satisfaction on the part of the many citizens interested when it was learned that the effort to bring the Conference to Cincinnati had been successful, and nothing will be left undone that can add to the interest and pleasure of the delegates while here. The entire Ohio delegation will do everything in its power to make the 26th Conference a success."

The discussion of the Committee on Municipal and County Charities has advanced greatly in interest in the last two Conferences. These discussions have been very successful in the Ohio State Conference for several years past, and the effort will be made at Cincinnati to make the discussions especially valuable to officers of almshouses, county asylums, and city hospitals, and to those who have in hand the administration of public out-door relief.

Many interesting institutions exist in and about Cincinnati, and opportunity will be given to visit the most important of them.

THE TRANS-MISSISSIPPI AND INTERNATIONAL
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JUNE TO NOVEMBER, 1898.

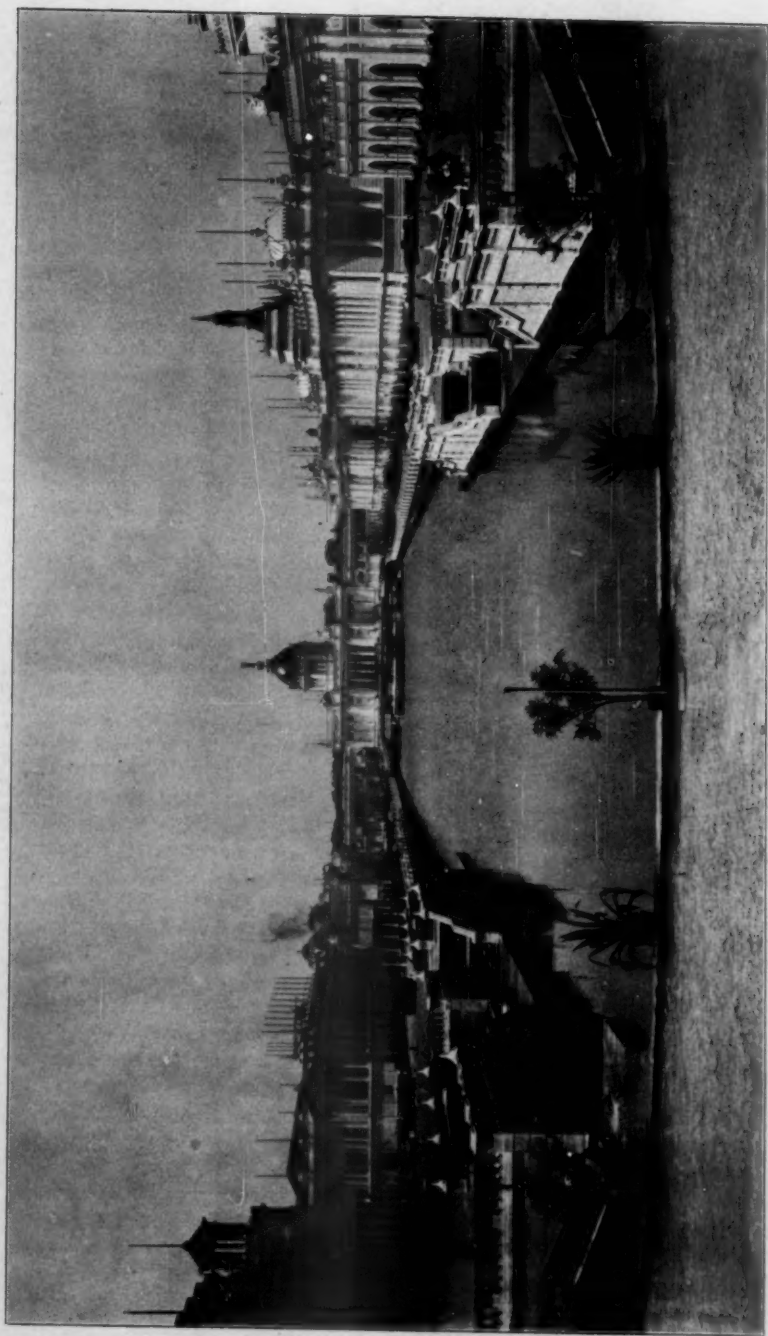


The Trans-Mississippi Exposition is a great surprise to those who have not taken the pains to inform themselves in advance as to its remarkable merit. While it is on a much smaller scale than the Chicago Exposition, it has many of the characteristics which made the World's Fair memorable.

In carrying out the plans of this exposition, those in charge have had two important advantages—immense area for grounds and cordial assistance. Nearly or quite two million five hundred thousand dollars have been expended in preparing this exposition. Nearly as many acres of ground as Paris will have for her exposition in Paris in 1900—200 acres, to be precise—bordering the edge of a bluff, with the lazy, mud-

stained Missouri in the distance, have given fine opportunity for the development of the exterior scheme of the exposition. The grounds where the more important buildings stand are in the form of a great quadrangle over two thousand feet in length, and perhaps five hundred and fifty in width. In the central portion of this lies a lagoon. Bordering it are fine stretches of turf, and at their edge rise beautiful buildings, snowy white, large, artistic, architecturally exquisite. Strong men in architecture from various American cities have united to produce about the sides of this long lagoon the most imposing and attractive series of buildings ever erected for similar purposes in America, save for the buildings which distinguished the Columbian Fair above all other expositions of the century.

The quadrangle lies east and west, and at the eastern end, lying at right angles, are the State buildings, structures highly creditable to the dozen or more Western commonwealths which are represented. Beyond the state buildings that inevitable feature of the modern exposition, the Midway, displays its manifold attractions.



GRAND COURT (LOOKING WEST).

Beginning at the viaduct over one of the city streets crossing through the grounds, the buildings stretch away in white beauty along the lagoon. The buildings are large, imposing indeed, and so cleverly treated in their adornment of staff that they quite completely carry out the illusion of permanency. They are fitted out for the best possible display of the exhibits of home and foreign tokens of the world's progress. Over three hundred thousand square feet of space had been contracted for before the exposition opened. To your right as you look down the great quadrangle the snowy buildings extend until they fall into a fine perspective at the extreme western end cut by the Government building, a vast structure five hundred feet in length. First the Electrical and Machinery hall, then the Manufactures building, the Administration building, building of Agriculture; then the immense Government building stretching across the whole western end of the court. At its right, continuing on around the court, comes the Fine Arts building, of a noble type of architecture and admirably suited to its purpose, the tall arched entranceway, the arch of states, rising opposite the Administration building, then the building of the Liberal Arts, the Mines and Mining building, and at the eastern end, at the viaduct, the Auditorium for holding public meetings.

Utility and art have been capitally combined in these buildings. They have the general appearance of permanency in cornice and wall and massive pillar to give them an air of noble strength, while at the same time they are so admirably arranged interiorly that the best opportunity is afforded of display, whether it be the newest wrinkle in electricity, or the widest scope of modern mining, or the best in art, or the richest in husbandry.

The United States Government building partakes of the classic style, the Ionic order being used. It is arranged in three sections. The main building is surmounted by a colossal dome, which towers far above all other buildings. This dome is capped by an heroic figure representing "Liberty Enlightening the World," and at night this figure is lighted by electricity, the torch being 178 feet above the ground. Total length of the building 504 feet.

THE GOVERNMENT EXHIBIT.

The Government exhibit is most comprehensive, giving ocular demonstration of all the functions of government through the various Cabinet departments: State, Treasury, War, Navy, Postoffice, Interior, Justice, and Agriculture; through the Fish Commission, the Smithsonian Institution and its kindred—the National Museum and the Zoological Park. The exhibits of the various departments are most complete, interesting and instructive.

THE EXHIBITS.

While every building contains much of interest, and no single great building can be systematically inspected in less than a day, some of

the exhibits deserve more than passing mention. These are the Government, already described at length, the Agricultural, the Mineral, the Manufactures, the Liberal Arts, the Fine Arts, the Electricity, and the Transportation and Agricultural Implements. The Fine Arts exhibit contains 600 pictures.

In the Mines Building are displayed exhibits illustrating the mining industry in all its phases, giving a comprehensive idea of the wealth of the mineral resources of the West. Each large state, as represented by the State Commissioner, shows in its own exhibit the characteristic resources of that particular state in precious stones.

The exterior decorations of the Agricultural building are characteristic of the exhibits within. Classic statuary, representing the seasons, garlands of fruits and flowers, has relief figures of bull's heads and barnyard fowls, with inscriptions appropriate to agriculture, adorn the pediments, panels and spandrels of this magnificent structure. Corn being king in the prairie states, naturally it is used largely in the decorations, yet cereals of every kind are employed to good effect. Marked skill is shown in the friendly rivalry by the different states in the graceful arrangement of exhibits.

The Horticultural building contains an exceptionally interesting exhibit.

In the Electricity building, the marvellous development of electric science is illustrated in a most fascinating manner. Since the World's Fair electricians have marched forward with remarkable strides, and the Trans-Mississippi Exhibition is, therefore, the greatest ever attempted.

In the Transportation building, covering five acres, every style of vehicle and every appliance of modern rapid transit is illustrated.

The seemingly endless array of exhibits in the Liberal Arts building speaks volumes for the progress made in handicraft of every description, the educational exhibits, which have been installed in the galleries, afford striking evidence of the fact that Western people are not unmindful of the importance of a thorough system of training for the children of the Trans-Mississippi country.

Thirty-six states and territories have been allotted space for exhibits, either in their own structures or in the main Exposition buildings.

THE QUARTER-CENTENNIAL.

The Quarter-Centennial celebration of the National Conference of Charities and Correction held in New York City was a complete and magnificent success. When President Stewart arranged to hold the opening meeting in the great auditorium of Carnegie hall the members of the Executive Committee felt that he was taking great risk of disappointment, especially in view of the diversion of interest caused by the Spanish-American war; but the opening meeting fully vindicated the

wisdom of the president. The hall was filled with a magnificent audience representing not only the public and private charities of Greater New York, but her highest citizenship as well. The magnificent opening addresses of President Stewart, Hon. Jos. H. Choate, Archbishop Corrigan and Bishop Potter struck the key-note of the Conference, which was maintained throughout its sessions.

There was a large attendance at the daily sessions of the Conference and the section meetings were very fully attended. The afternoons were given up to visiting representative institutions in the city of New York and vicinity. The arrangements for these excursions were such as to render them highly delightful and instructive.

The local committee spared no effort or expense for the comfort and convenience of the members of the Conference. Carnegie hall, the Young Men's Christian Association and Grace Church were elegantly decorated for the meetings of the Conference. An efficient clerical force was maintained under the leadership of Mr. Walter S. Ufford, secretary of the local committee. The hotel arrangements were very satisfactory.

The local committee had caused to be prepared an elegant medal which was presented to the officers of the Conference, the members of the committees and those who prepared papers. This medal was given only to those who were in attendance on the Conference. Its beauty and appropriateness led to its adoption as the seal of the Conference and will appear hereafter on its published documents.

It is impossible in the narrow limits of the BULLETIN to give any summary of the program. The volume of Proceedings is expected to be ready earlier than usual and it will be indispensable to the library of every student of social questions.

WHAT IS THE NATIONAL CONFERENCE OF CHARITIES AND CORRECTION?

The National Conference of Charities and Corrections was organized in 1874, and has met annually since that time. It is composed not only of representatives of charitable and correctional institutions and societies, but also of other men and women who are interested in the broad field of charity in the United States, Canada and Mexico, and has at the present time nearly 1,500 members.

The meetings of the Conference are very enjoyable. They bring together a large body of people who are earnestly interested in good works, and who constitute a pleasant and congenial fellowship. The Conference continues for a week. General meetings are held daily, and section meetings are also held for the discussion of special subjects, such as Charity Organization, Dependent Children, Insanity, Juvenile

Reformation, Prison Reform, Hospitals, Municipal and County Charities, and College Settlements.

The Conference has no tests of membership. It offers a free forum to all who are interested in these branches of sociology. It formulates no platform, and usually adopts only resolutions of thanks. It publishes its discussions in the annual volume of Proceedings, each writer being responsible for his own opinions, and the volume of Proceedings comprises the latest and freshest thoughts upon the subjects under consideration.

The annual membership fee of \$2.50 is applied as follows: a, to the publication of the Proceedings, which cost in 1895, delivered, \$1.20 per copy; b, to the publication of the National Bulletin of Charities and Correction; and to the expenses of the Conference, postage, printing, clerk hire, investigations, and other items.

NEW MEMBERS.

New members are welcomed at any time. Each member joining during 1898 will receive the Proceedings of the New York Conference and the National Bulletin for one year. Attendance on the meetings is not a condition of membership; but members attending obtain reduced fare, reduced hotel rates, and other advantages.

SPECIAL OFFER.

The Proceedings of 1895 (the New Haven Conference) were of special value. We have still a limited supply of this volume, which we will furnish, express prepaid, to new members only, at half price (75 cents per copy), until further notice. Those wishing to avail themselves of this offer should order immediately.

SETS OF PROCEEDINGS.

There are frequent inquiries for sets of the Proceedings. The first Conference was held in 1874. The volumes for every year except 1875, 1876, 1879 and 1880 can be furnished, but there remains only a small supply of the volumes preceding 1887, except 1874 and 1884. These volumes can be furnished at \$1.50 each, or in quantities of five or more at \$1.25 each, bound in cloth.

Those who cannot afford to purchase the entire set would do well to begin with 1893. The volume for 1893 is the most important volume yet published. It contains an historical summary of the work of Charities and Correction in the United States for twenty years, with an index of the preceding volumes. Its value is indicated by the fact that 350 copies of the proceedings of 1893 have been sold since January 1, 1895. The volume for 1895 contains the only complete directory of State Correctional and Charitable Institutions ever published.

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